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FROM : [REDACTED]
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SUBJECT : Briefing on Soviet Ground Force Readiness [REDACTED]

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1. On Wednesday, 3 February at 1000 in room 7E62, Headquarters Building, a CIA-DIA briefing team will present the findings of an inter-agency working group on Soviet Ground Forces Readiness. The analysis was commissioned by the NIO/GPF, has been under way since late 1980, and will serve as the basis of a forthcoming IIM. The briefing should last about one hour. [REDACTED]

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2. The working group's analysis has led to a fundamental change in judgments of Soviet ground force readiness. Mobilization of forces opposite NATO is expected to take longer than earlier analyses indicated [REDACTED] and the low strength divisions that make up more than half the force are believed to require [REDACTED] more post-mobilization training in order to achieve full combat effectiveness. These findings have significant implications for warning and US force planning in Europe. [REDACTED]

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